



## ORDIS

The One-Room Drop-In Schools improve students' abilities to compete and succeed, with

- SAT and ACT preparation;
- job skills training and counseling;
- lending libraries;
- long-term suspension supervision;
- community education;
- tax preparation help;
- emergency referrals to social services;
- community liaison to schools, civic, and social services organizations;
- neighborhood "drop-in" assistance.

# Tennessee Department of Education Family Literacy Program Summary

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### One-Room Drop-In Schools

The State of Tennessee funds six **One-Room Drop-In Schools**: two each in Nashville and Memphis, and one each in Chattanooga and Kingsport. They are **family-oriented learning centers** located in public housing projects. Each provides a licensed teacher, computer technology, and other academic and community resources for 11 months a year. All of the ORDIS programs include:

- **after-school and summer homework help and enrichment** for children in kindergarten through grade 12;
- **Adult Literacy/Basic Education and GED preparation** for adults and school drop-outs; and
- **drug and alcohol abuse prevention/education.**

Each ORDIS program is unique, created in response to specific needs of the community and individuals it serves.

The ORDIS program serves between 2,000 and 3,000 individuals each year, from birth to age 60+.

Each ORDIS site has been receiving \$52,500 annually.

To learn more about the Tennessee Department of Education's Family Literacy programs, go to <http://www.state.tn.us/education/sp/spevenstarhome.htm>

To learn more about other Family Literacy programs in Tennessee, go to <http://cls.coe.utk.edu/tnfamilit/>

